

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency  
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Notice PS-478

**For:** State and County Offices

**eLDP Beta Test Phase II to Begin August 18, 2003**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Beta testing of eLDP's:

- was first conducted for 2001 crop year eligible commodities on a very limited basis in Beta test **Phase I** in 21 selected counties, 1 each in 21 States, during May 2002
- for 2003 crop year, eligible commodities will be tested in Beta test **Phase II** for a longer period in 50 selected counties, 1 in each of the 50 States.

Beta-testing is the process by which the performance and shortcomings of an automation design, and all physical components related thereto, are given a comprehensive test in the hands of the intended end users in the real world environment.

For eLDP Beta test **Phase II**, an eLDP Training Manual was provided to, and hands-on training was conducted for, State Office price support specialists and Beta site personnel at the USDA Kansas City complex in December 2002.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides States and Beta counties:

- important facts about eLDP Beta test **Phase II**
- contacts for reporting technical problems and requesting technical assistance
- additional instructions for establishing and maintaining price support payment limitations (PLM's) in Producer Profiles.

**Disposal Date**

January 1, 2004  
8-15-03

**Distribution**

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

## 2 Important Facts About eLDP Beta Test Phase II

### A Starting Date

eLDP Beta test **Phase II** becomes functional in Beta counties on **August 18, 2003**.

### B Beta Counties

Based on recommendations from SED's, 50 counties have been authorized for eLDP during eLDP Beta test **Phase II**. For a list of Beta counties, see the table in paragraph 5.

### C Instructions

Beta test counties shall administer eLDP Beta test **Phase II** according to:

- instructions in the eLDP Training Manual
- additional instructions regarding PLM's in this notice
- Beta test instructions in eLDP Beta transmittal, "QI, Selected eLDP Beta Sites".

### D Assistance

During eLDP Beta test **Phase II**, Beta county personnel shall request assistance for:

- WebCAAF, User ID's, and Passwords by contacting the National Help Desk at 800-255-2434, and select option 1 for Web, or option 1 again for WebCAAF
- technical issues related to the Beta test, or with eLDP-related software, by contacting Joyce Walker at 816-823-1465, or Ann Reynolds at 816-926-1555, during business hours

**Note:** For live after-hours support, call 800-255-2434, option 1; for voicemail, select option 2.

- technical issues associated with eLDP payment, either Web or County Office software, by contacting Karen Myers at 816-926-1187, or Lisa Dieckmann at 816-823-1597
- program policy issues by contacting Kimberly Graham at 202-720-9154
- accounting policy issues by contacting Jorge Rivera at 703-305-1308.

Beta counties who are contacted by Kansas City certification officers about disputed eLDP requests will be asked to access **<http://165.221.16.109/SCADB/Welcome/Logon.html>**

### 3 Limited Scope of Initial eLDP's

#### A Initial Limitations

Intended from the outset to be progressive in its development, the eLDP process in the Beta test **Phase II** mode is limited to:

- producers who are “individuals” (entity code “01”)
- these eligible commodities, according to their loan availability period:
  - wheat, barley, and oats
  - corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans
  - rice and peanuts

**Note: Rice and peanuts** are eLDP eligible starting with Beta test **Phase II**.

- transactions for which eligible producers:
  - **must** be established for electronic funds transfer (EFT)
  - do **not** have any of the following accounting conditions:
    - an assignment or joint payment authorization on file for LDP
    - any CCC receivables (CCC and APSS receivables)
    - any CCC claims, or other Agency debts or claims
    - any delinquent FSA debts, or bankruptcy status
  - **not** available for pulse crops, cotton, honey, wool and mohair, minor oilseeds, or commodities harvested other than grain. FSA plans to expand eLDP eligibility to include several of these commodities before Beta test **Phase II** is completed.

## **4 Step-by-Step Mechanics of the eLDP Process**

### **A Process in Brief**

The eLDP process:

- was built to run through a Kansas City-based Web Farm DB2 platform
- is available 24/7, except for backup periods, and uses the applicable daily LDP rate for the commodity until the next day's rate is announced
- interfaces with SCIMS to obtain producer name and address information
- system-assigns by crop year a unique eLDP number and a State and county code to each eLDP to distinguish it from a County Office or CMA processed transaction
- when fully functional will be accessible to persons with disabilities.

### **B Security**

Secure access to the eLDP Web Farm processing site is guaranteed by a User Registration Process, generally referred to as WebCAAF, that:

- allows all users to request access to the eLDP Web Farm processing site by means of a completed AD-2016
- issues to all users a User ID and Password for access to the eLDP Web Farm processing site.

### **C Access to Processing Site**

Access to eLDP shall be completed according to the Transmittal, "QI, Selected eLDP Beta Sites" by Beta county:

- **personnel** at URL: <http://atlantic.sc.egov.usda.gov/eLDP/main.jsp>
- **producers** at URL: <http://atlantic.sc.egov.usda.gov/eLDP/Producers/main.jsp>

## 4 Step-by-Step Mechanics of the eLDP Process (Continued)

### D Producer Profiles

Before an eLDP application can be accepted at the Web Farm processing site, a comprehensive Producer Profile must be:

- established 1 time each crop year according to the eLDP Training Manual by each applicant's Administrative County Office at the eLDP Web Farm processing site
- contain specific data about these conditions:
  - producer and commodity eligibility
  - producer's PLM for eLDP
  - producer's reasonable production, by commodity
- updated over time by the applicant's Administrative County Office whenever existing Producer Profile entries change.

### E PLM Allocations

To facilitate monitoring PLM's for eLDP, only the producer's Administrative County Office can set applicable PLM allocations, by commodity in the Producer Profile.

Starting with Beta test **Phase II**, when a Administrative County Office sets a producer PLM allocation for eLDP in the Producer Profile at the Web Farm processing site, a corresponding PLM allocation for that producer is **automatically** set in APSS on the County Office AS/400 computer.

Applicable maximum PLM's for the 2003 crop year are:

- \$75,000 for cotton, rice, and grains, also known as the "Regular PLM" file
- \$75,000 for wool, mohair, honey, and peanuts, also known as the "Other PLM" file.

**Important:** eLDP Beta site personnel shall ensure that all applicable PLM settings have been established for producers in their respective Producer Profiles before producers can successfully process eLDP's from the Web Farm.

When a producer submits an eLDP application to the eLDP Web Farm processing site, the eLDP process will **validate** that PLM allocations for eLDP have been set for all applicable commodities in that producer's Producer Profile. Applications for which PLM has not been set in the Producer Profile will be rejected by the eLDP Web Farm processing site.

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### 5 Authorized eLDP Beta Counties

#### A 50 Counties Authorized

This table provides the 50 counties authorized for eLDP during Beta test **Phase II**.

<b>Counties Authorized for eLDP During Beta Test Phase II</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>County Name and Codes</b>	<b>Location of County Office</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
AL	Cherokee (01-019)	Centre, Alabama	256-927-8732
AK	Delta (02-002)	Delta Junction, Alaska	907-895-4242
AZ	Pinal (04-021)	Casa Grande, Arizona	520-836-1960
AR	Cross (05-037)	Wynne, Arkansas	820-238-3285
CA	Glenn (06-021)	Willows, California	530-934-4601
CO	Adams (08-001)	Brighton, Colorado	303-659-0525
CT	Windham (09-015)	Brooklyn, Connecticut	860-774-8397
DE	Sussex (10-005)	Georgetown, Delaware	302-856-3990
FL	Calhoun (12-013)	Blountstown, Florida	850-674-8388
GA	Mitchell (13-205)	Camilla, Georgia	229-336-0171
HI	Honolulu (15-003)	Aiea, Hawaii	808-483-8600
ID	Latah (16-057)	Moscow, ID	208-882-4960
IL	Cass (17-017)	Virginia, Illinois	217-452-7781
IN	Adams (18-001)	Decatur, Indiana	260-724-4124
IA	Jasper (19-099)	Newton, Iowa	641-792-5019
KS	Marshall (20-117)	Marysville, Kansas	785-562-5343
KY	Christian (21-047)	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	270-885-5066
LA	East Carroll (22-035)	Lake Providence, Louisiana	318-559-2640
ME	Waldo (23-027)	Belfast, Maine	207-338-1964
MD	Harford (24-025)	Forest Hill, Maryland	410-838-3950
MA	Hampshire (25-015)	Hadley, Massachusetts	413-585-1000
MI	Jackson (26-075)	Jackson, Michigan	517-789-7716
MN	Lyon (27-083)	Marshall, Minnesota	507-537-1401
MS	Montgomery (28-097)	Winona, Mississippi	662-283-2443
MO	Nodaway (29-147)	Maryville, Missouri	660-582-7423
MT	Chouteau (30-015)	Fort Benton, Montana	406-622-5401

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NE	York (31-185)	York, Nebraska	402-362-5700
NV	Humboldt (32-013)	Winnemucca, Nevada	775-623-5025
NH	Coos (33-007)	Lancaster, New Hampshire	603-788-4602
NJ	Burlington (34-005)	Hainesport, New Jersey	609-267-1639
NM	Dona Ana (35-013)	Las Cruces, New Mexico	505-522-8775
NY	Monroe (36-055)	Rochester, New York	716-473-3440
NC	Sampson (37-163)	Clinton, North Carolina	910-592-4791
ND	Cass (38-017)	Fargo, North Dakota	701-282-2157
OH	Sandusky (39-143)	Fremont, Ohio	419-334-6330
OK	Texas (40-139)	Guymon, Oklahoma	580-338-7379
OR	Gilliam (41-021)	Condon, Oregon	541-384-4251
PA	Northumberland (42-097)	Sunbury, Pennsylvania	570-286-4311
RI	Washington (44-009)	Warwick, Rhode Island	401-828-3120
SC	Sumter (45-085)	Sumter, South Carolina	803-775-1242
SD	Spink (46-115)	Redfield, South Dakota	605-472-0102
TN	Obion (47-131)	Union City, Tennessee	731-885-0841
TX	Collin (48-085)	McKinney, Texas	972-542-0081
UT	Box Elder (49-003)	Tremonton, Utah	435-257-5402
VT	Caledonia (50-005)	St. Johnsbury, Vermont	802-748-2641
VA	Westmoreland (51-193)	Warsaw, Virginia	804-333-3525
WA	Whitman (53-075)	Colfax, Washington	509-397-4301
WV	Mason (54-053)	Point Pleasant, West Virginia	304-675-2020
WI	Jefferson (55-055)	Jefferson, Wisconsin	920-674-2020
WY	Goshen (56-015)	Torrington, Wyoming	307-532-4880